Palm Harbor, FL (March 7, 2012) – As a father of four children, Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09) understands that determining the next step for your child after high school graduation can be difficult for both parents and students alike.

Bilirakis is pleased to announce that he is hosting a College Fair from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, March 17th, at Palm Harbor University High School, 1900 Omaha Street, in Palm Harbor.

"Simply navigating the maze of the admissions and student financial aid process can make an already anxious situation even more complicated," Bilirakis said. "I understand how stressful this time can be, but examining your options early on can ensure that your child receives the quality education they deserve."

The free event is open to the public and will offer one-stop shopping for students and parents, providing them with the opportunity to learn more about available financial aid resources and the admissions process, as well as speak with school representatives face-to-face.

The college fair will feature representatives from regional colleges, local career education and technical training schools, and the service academies. In addition, the fair will include breakout sessions with admissions officers from the University of Florida, financial aid experts from St. Petersburg College, and representatives from the military service academies.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Bilirakis' Palm Harbor office at (727) 773-2871.

WHAT: College and Financial Aid Fair

WHO: Rep. Gus Bilirakis; College admissions officers and financial aid experts

WHEN: 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, March 17th, 2012

WHERE: Palm Harbor University High School, 1900 Omaha Street, Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Confirmed institutions include:

University of Florida

United States Military Academy

United States Coast Guard Academy

United States Naval Academy

United States Air Force Academy

United States Merchant Marine Academy

University of Tampa

Florida Atlantic University

Devry University

University of Central Florida

St. Petersburg College

Rasmussen College - Land O'Lakes Campus

University of South Florida - Tampa

Eckerd College

USF - St. Petersburg

Keiser University - Tampa Campus

University of North Florida

Clearwater Christian College

pTEC - Pinellas Technical Education Centers

Nova Southeastern University

Pasco-Hernando Community College

Pasco-Hernando Community College

Saint Leo University

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